

# ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST



## GATHER YOUR MATERIAL

To apply to optometry school, you'll need to start by gathering:

### TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- One from a professor, preferably a science professor, with whom you have taken coursework, an academic advisor, or an academic committee. *Letters from teaching assistants will not satisfy the requirement unless the professor of the course also signs the letter.*
- One from a practicing, non-relative optometrist. *A letter from an ophthalmologist, while welcomed for your file, will not be accepted as a substitute for an optometrist's letter.*

### COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST

Take the Optometry Admission Test ([www.opted.org](http://www.opted.org)) or the Graduate Record Examination ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)). The exam must be completed by the application deadline. Only scores reported within the last two years will be accepted.

### SATISFY PRE-REQS

To prepare you for optometry school, ICO requires a series of college-level pre-optometry courses prior to admission. View these courses on our website: [ico.edu/course-requirements](http://ico.edu/course-requirements)

## APPLY

Submit application and supporting materials through OptomCAS ([www.optomcas.org](http://www.optomcas.org)) from July 1 - May 1.

The TOEFL is also required of applicants for whom English is a second language.

## INTERVIEW

If invited, interview on ICO's campus or virtually. Interviews are conducted one-on-one with a faculty or ICO Administrator between August and June.

## DECISION

Receive the admissions committee's decision within one to two weeks of your interview.

## DEPOSIT

Send the required tuition deposit as outlined in your letter of acceptance. This deposit is applied to first year tuition and will guarantee your seat in the entering class.

## SUBMIT FAFSA

Eligible students seeking financial aid should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which may be found at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). After acceptance and receipt of the FAFSA, the Student Financial Services Office will notify students of their financial aid award. Early applicants receive greater scholarship consideration as scholarships are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Once you've been admitted we will exclusively communicate with you through your ICO email so make sure to check it regularly!